



Michigan's Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) **Meeting Minutes**

March 4, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Lansing Community College – West Campus

Participants

Organizational Delegates Present

Donna Case, Mary Finnigan, Kenya Harper-Black, Jennifer Headley-Nordman, Annette Hobrecht, Debra Houde, Deb Kadish*, Kathy Krause, Kanika Littleton, Lois Lofton-Doniver*, Katherine Mills, Nichole Moore*, Kathleen Moore, Tammy Reich, Shalika Robie, Amy Trahey, Alyssa Webster

Organizational Alternates Present

Lisa Bacsikin for Chandra Madaffer, Eileen Brandt for Melisa Burch, Michelle Driscoll, Carrie Fines for Charlie Hollerith, Rebecca Gibson, Kathleen Kosobud for LaKeya Martin, Kirsten Matthews*, Cindy Shinsky for Sarah VanderBaan, Anne-Marie Sladewski for John Mertz, Nancy Spanski, Cassie Thelen*, Sarah Winslow

Members At-Large Present

Anne Barna, Justin Caine, Joseph Kukulski*, Lily Schulting, Kara Tiethof, Regina Umpstead

Ex-Officio Members Present

Belle Bodell, Teri Chapman, Christine DeWildt, Cara Loughheed, Jennifer Hirst, James Thomas

Ex-Officio Alternates Present

Terri Milesky*, Kristalyn Musselman, Sara Orris*, Ann Rossi for Janet Kaley, Christina Sharp for Melissa Isaac



Absent¹

Michelle Frederick, Lori Skibbe

MDE Staff Present

Aaron Darling, Ashley Reed

Guests Present

Liz Bauer, Dan Centers, Michelle Fecteau, Dr. Scott Koenigsnecht, Caroline Liethen, Senator Dayna Polehanki, Peter Spadafore, Cindy Van Neste

Facilitator

Teri Pettit

*Participated via phone.

Minutes

Call to Order

Jennifer Headley-Nordman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Roll Call

Aaron Darling performed roll call.

Approval of Proposed Agenda including changes

Donna Case moved, seconded by Kathy Krause that the SEAC approve the March 4, 2020 agenda. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Donna Case moved, seconded by Amy Trahey that the SEAC approve the February 5, 2020 meeting minutes. The vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report by Jennifer Headley-Nordman

Jennifer reviewed the agenda and today's focus.

¹ Neither the delegate nor the alternate was physically present, nor did they participate by phone.



1. SEAC no longer accepting public comment.
2. Operating Procedures complete with vote to accept this afternoon.
3. Chat box no available for phone participants.
4. Review of norms.
5. Upcoming meeting with Membership Committee TBA.
6. Introduced featured members for March.
7. Upcoming Data-Based Individualization (DBI) training with Dr. Kim St. Martin.

Michigan Teacher of the Year Update by Cara Lougheed

1. Conversations with kids.
 - a. All have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
2. Stressors are: the bus, getting behind in homework, large class sizes and some adults are hard to approach.
3. Wishes of adults:
 - a. "I don't want to be singled out or separated."
 - b. "Don't treat me as fragile or different or less capable or younger than I am."
 - c. "I will ask when I need something."
 - d. "Sometimes I need help asking for what I need."

Overview of Teachers of Tomorrow, YouTube video of 2/11/2020 State Board of Education (SBE) by Teri Pettit

1. Reviewed data on Teacher Certification in Michigan.
2. Watched the SBE meeting discussion regarding SB 657 (2:24:35 to 2:46:45).

Legislative Review by Caroline Liethen

1. Offered perspective and overview of Senate Bill 657.



2. Current law requires the State Superintendent to establish an alternative teaching certification process for the issuance of an interim teaching certificate (ITC). The statute outlines the following:
 - a. Requirements for an alternative teaching certification program to be approved to operate in Michigan.
 - b. Requirements that participants must complete to be granted an ITC.
3. SB 657 would eliminate a provision prohibiting an alternative teaching certification process to allow for an ITC for special education.
4. Received questions and provided clarification.

Update on *The Path Forward* by Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht

1. Review of Michigan's Federal Determination.
2. Review the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Rubric and Michigan's Part B Results Matrix.
3. Review of the Strategic Action Plan domains: Improved instruction in inclusive learning environments, multiple pathways to graduation, personal curriculum, educator certification, professional learning, data, M-STEP/NAEP communication and funding.
4. Expected outcomes.
5. Review of the Path-Forward strategic plan timeline.
 - a. Phase 1: Dec. 2019-June 2021
 - MAISE/MDE/MAASE partnership
 - Alternative paths to diplomas
 - Personal curriculum 2.0
 - Determining proper state assessments for students with disabilities
 - Statewide coordinated, aligned professional development for educators around PCs, Quality Tier I Instruction, EWIMS, Data analysis, Dropout coding



b. Phase 2: July 2021-June 2022

Supports for MTSS / PBISM-STEP marketing & communications plan

Alternative was to test/assess knowledge on statewide assessments

Teacher & administrator preparation workgroup

Wrap-around system work aimed at whole child

c. Phase 3: July 2022-July 2023

SE Teacher Certification workgroup

NAEP workgroup

Technology utilization inventory

Operating Procedures Review by Donna Case

1. Operating procedures were presented to membership prior to the business meeting and a motion to make use of operating procedures rather than the 2 previous documents, *Bylaws* and *Policies & Procedures*, was received by Kara Tiethof and Lily Schulting seconded the motion.
2. Roll Call Vote performed by Aaron Darling – Passing with 23 in favor, 1 opposed.

Representatives Sharing Perspectives on SB 657

1. Liz Bauer, Senator Dayna Polehanki, Michelle Fecteau, Peter Spadafore, Kathleen Moore, and the Michigan Education Association.

Review of SB657 by Teri Pettit

1. Small group work.
2. Collective recommendation(s) for the State Board of Education as requested.

Sharing & Wrap-Up by Jennifer Headley-Nordman, SEAC Chair

1. Within the next week.
 - a. Complete Online Meeting Survey/Evaluation.



- b. Communicate with your constituents about Take-Away issues.
- c. Our next regular business meeting will be held on April 1 at LCC West.

Closing Roll Call

Aaron Darling performed roll call.

Adjourn

Kara Tiethof moved to adjourn and Donna Case seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 3:11 p.m.